

GERMANS RESUME OFFENSIVE WITH LITTLE SUCCESS

Only One Position of Importance Is Secured In Hard Day's Fighting At Heavy Loss

NEW YORK, April 25—(Associated Press)—The expected resumption of the German drive for the Channel ports came yesterday morning, with the Germans launching a new offensive along the entire British front from Ypres to south of the Somme and against the Franco-American front from its junction with the British south to Moreuil.

Preceded by a bombardment which began early in the night and continued until morning, the German legions were thrown at the selected points of the Allied lines, with desperate efforts made between the Luce and the Somme Rivers on the south and along the valley of the Lawe River in Flanders.

At only one point were the Germans able to make any notable progress whatever, this being against the British at Villers-Bretonneux, on the Chaulnes-Amiens railroad. Here the British were forced back a short distance after a most desperate resistance. At every other point the Germans were held and repulsed, losing most heavily in their futile attacks.

LOCATES AMERICANS

The announcement from Paris, which describes the front on the Aisne, south of the Somme, as the Franco-American line, definitely locates the positions held by the troops of General Pershing for the first time. It is now permitted to state that these Americans have been on this section since April 6.

This section was very heavily bombarded and was the scene of some of the fiercest infantry fighting of the day, the Germans driving for the possession of the village of Hangard-en-Santerre, making insignificant progress and suffering extremely heavy casualties.

While there were numerous battles along the six-mile front, the greater part of the fighting was of a minor nature compared to that on the main points of German attack.

SURPRISE SOUGHT

The German offensive on the north was launched at the two expected points, on the south side of the Armentieres salient, along the Robecq front, and on the Albert sector. In addition, drives are being made on the north side of the Armentieres salient, north of Bailloul, and against the Amiens front, south of the Somme, where the British and French lines meet.

The initial assault against the British south of the Somme was thrown back at all points, the Germans losing heavily. Returning to the attack, the heaviest German efforts were directed against the town of Villers-Bretonneux, on the Chaulnes-Amiens railroad line, which place changed hands repeatedly in the previous drive for Amiens. The Huns left their infantry with three tanks, enabling them to enter the eastern fringe of the place, where for hours they were held, the fighting being intense, battles raging around single houses and from one side of a ruined street to another.

LOSS REPORTED

The German forces at this point proved too many for the British, who were gradually backed out of the town, its capture by the Germans being officially reported by Field Marshal Haig last night. This was the single success of the day for the Germans south of the Somme on the British front, and even here the Germans failed to regain the

DARING NAVAL FEAT IS WELL JUSTIFIED

Aerial Observers Report That Results Put Submarine Bases In Bad Shape

LONDON, April 25—(Associated Press)—Reports received at the admiralty regarding the success of the naval raid against the entrances of the Bruges canal on Tuesday, which have been checked up by aerial observers and air photographs, show that most material damage was accomplished, completely justifying the bold enterprise.

The crew of the submarine which was driven against the Zebrugge mole reformed into a huge torpedo, arrived yesterday morning at Dover, every member of the crew having been rescued after they left their vessel in small boats after heading her against her target. The report having been made known at the moment of explosion to know that their work had been successful and that the usefulness of the great pier had been destroyed.

This report is verified by British naval air observers, who flew over the end and Zebrugge yesterday. Photographs taken by these observers show that a section of the great pier, sixty feet wide, had been completely blown away.

Other observers at Ostend report that most of the harbor channel has been blocked by the sunken cruisers.

NOT A SUCCESS, SAYS BERLIN REPORT

BERLIN, April 25—(Associated Press)—The British raid against the Bruges canal was not a success. The raiders damaged the Zebrugge mole and slightly damaged a German destroyer. This was the total of the results accomplished. The harbor works and the coast batteries were not injured.

German Boasts Are Voiced Loudly Before Reichstag

Gas Masks, Tanks, Are All Superior To Anything the Entente Or Americans Have, Speaker Declares

AMSTERDAM, April 25—(Associated Press)—German boasts were loudly voiced in the reichstag by von Sten yesterday and are told in reports received here last night. "The enemy has not yet overtaken us in gas development as a new weapon," said the speaker. "We are now manufacturing a gas that is quite invisible and for that reason is much more effective than anything which they use. Our masks are an absolute protection while the masks they use are unsatisfactory. No country would renounce the use of gas and so it is necessary for us to keep ahead."

"While the British used tanks first, we have outstripped them with this weapon. Our tanks are far superior to those of the enemy, especially in regard to speed. We have received no proposals from the enemy to restrict aerial attacks and our roads will have to continue."

WAR DEPARTMENT IS RAPIDLY EXPANDING

Division of Military Aeronautics and Motor Transport Service Are Two Changes

WASHINGTON, April 25—(Associated Press)—In announcing the nomination of John D. Ryan of New York as director of the aircraft producing board, Secretary of War Baker announced the creation of a new branch in the war department, that of the division of military aeronautics.

This division will be under the direction of Brig. Gen. William L. Kenly, Maj. Gen. George O. Squier will administer the signal branch exclusively. The aircraft board is continued in an advisory capacity. Mr. Ryan will head the board and Mr. Coffin remains on the board as a member.

Another change in the conduct of the affairs of the war department which was announced by the department yesterday was the creation of a motor transportation service to replace the motor division of the quartermaster's department. This department has completely outgrown the facilities which it formerly demanded. The vast increase in the army, the movement of the American troops from training camps to the fighting front, have created the need of a great motor transportation service which the new department will conduct.

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SAN FRANCISCO, April 25—(Off. adv.)—Capt. Richard Dollar has given \$50,000 for the Young Men's Christian Association building at Washington, China.

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GERMANS DECLARE AVIATORS USE HOSPITAL SHIPS

Wireless From Germany Says American Aviators Seek Red Cross Flag As Shelter—Denied As Fabrication of Hun Staff

LONDON, April 25—(Associated Press)—Assertions that airplanes are carried on American hospital ships, evidently a carefully prepared excuse for intended sinkings and attacks if the opportunity offers, are contained in a German wireless message, the text of which the admiralty has received.

Papers found on American prisoners, the wireless says, show that American aviators crossed on hospital ships, thus assured of the safety of their arrival under the Red Cross flag.

No American and no British hospital ship has ever carried any aviator except those that were invalided home, the admiralty asserts. It insists the story is a deliberate fabrication of the German staff.

Weekly reports of submarine losses have been discontinued. Henceforth only monthly reports are to be issued. These will be given on the Thursday following the twenty-first day of each month.

SHIP BUILDING PROGRAM GROWS

Spending Up Is Considered Timely In Connection With Sealing Up of Bases

WASHINGTON, April 24—(Official)—Charles M. Schwab, new head of ship building for the United States, will soon make a trip to the Pacific Coast to look over the ship yards there, especially the yard at which recently a new record in ship construction was made when a large steel vessel was launched fifty-five days after the laying of the keel.

Ship production last week consisted, in part of the launching from government operated yards of 92,300 tons of shipping in which were included six steel vessels, each of more than 8000 tons dead weight and two large wooden ships.

The rapidly increasing speed in ship production is considered as a timely lacuna with the feat of the British navy in attacking German submarine bases for the purpose of blocking the channel entrances. The campaign against the undersea craft is declared to be attaining a high state of effectiveness with Admiral Sims' destroyer fleet actively participating and conducting steadily growing important part.

Charles E. Mitchell, president of the National City of New York, in a recent interview in that city, said that he was "informed from a reliable source that a new American invention has just been tried out against the enemy submarines and that more than a dozen undersea craft had been captured by means of it."

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR FREIGHTERS

WASHINGTON, April 24—(Associated Press)—Contracts have been awarded to San Francisco, Wilmington and North Carolina shipyards for the construction of twenty-two large, steel freight steamers which will have a total tonnage of 204,000 tons.

Substantial increases in the ship building program for 1919 over this year are announced by the shipping board with still further increases for 1920 over 1919. The shipping board finds the industry is now mounting toward the desired stage of efficiency which will enable a keeping up with the program for this year and an expansion before the year ends.

SEVEN MILLION MEN MAY SEE FIGHTING

Representative Kahn Favors Army Greater Than Was Ever Before Considered

WASHINGTON, April 24—(Official)—Congressional leaders are more and more awakening to the possible necessity of the United States sending to Europe an army many times larger than was considered in the early days of the war and aligning themselves in favor of meeting the needs as they may occur. One of the strongest statements in this line yet to be made is that of Representative Kahn of California ranking Republican member of the house committee on military affairs. In his statement he advocates the raising of an American army of seven or eight million men and the sending to Europe, it needs be, of six million.

Secretary of War Baker was before the committee today and told the members of his observations and the conditions which he noted while on his recent trip to Europe. Appropriations for the army are to be based largely upon the recommendations of the secretary relative to the needs he found while overseas as well as those that have been developed at home.

LORD MAYOR WANTS TO VISIT WASHINGTON

DUBLIN, April 24—(Associated Press)—The lord mayor of Dublin has asked Foreign Secretary Balfour to pass up the possibility of his going to Washington.

CHAMP CLARK MAY HAVE SENATORSHIP

Toga Is Offered To Speaker But His Friends Believe He Will Not Accept

WASHINGTON, April 25—(Associated Press)—Champ Clark, speaker of the house of representatives and long the political idol of a large element in the Democratic party, has been offered the senatorship from Missouri yesterday. Governor Barker of Missouri yesterday offered him the appointment to fill the unexpired term occasioned by the death of Senator Stone.

Although the speaker admitted the offer had been made to him he declined to discuss the offer or to say whether he is inclined to give it favorable consideration. Those friends, however, express the belief that he will not accept the senatorship but will prefer to remain the acknowledged leader of his party in the house.

Champ Clark has been a striking figure in Washington and in national affairs much of the time since 1893 when he was first sent to congress. He served in the fifty-third congress and has since served in every congress list since. He was minority leader in the second session of the sixtieth congress and in the sixty-first. He was elected speaker of the sixty-second congress and this position he has ever since held.

In the Democratic national convention in 1912 he led for the presidential nomination on twenty-seven ballots and on nine ballots had a clear majority of the delegates, but finally the tide swung to Woodrow Wilson. It was the opposition of Bryan that defeated him.

MEN FROM FRONT TO SPEAK FOR BONDS

Fifty Who Have Seen Service En Route Home—McAdoo Gives Straight Talk

WASHINGTON, April 24—(Associated Press)—Fifty non-commissioned officers and enlisted men are now en route home from the front for the purpose of aiding in the speeding up of the closing hours of the Liberty Loan drive. They will speak in as many as widely separated cities as the time between their return and the close of subscription will permit.

Totals as announced by the Liberty Loan central committee today were more than \$1,700,000,000. Better speed from the twelfth federal reserve district is reported from San Francisco. More than \$10,000,000 has been subscribed in the city, about eighty percent of its quota. Other parts of the district are reported to be doing correspondingly well.

Campaigning the southwest in the interests of the third Liberty Loan, Secretary of Treasury McAdoo spoke at Gallup, New Mexico, yesterday and delivered a speech that was full of patriotism and of confidence.

Be Real Patriots Secretary McAdoo urged his hearers to give to the country's cause to the maximum of their ability. "Don't be a twenty-five cent patriot when you are able to be a \$5000 patriot."

Within a short time, McAdoo said the United States will have an army of 1,800,000 under arms overseas. To save these men, to pay them to keep them fed and clothed to supply them with the ammunition they must require, the people of home must lend from their pockets as freely as the soldier are giving their all.

LOAN CAMPAIGNERS ARE AT TOP SPEED

WASHINGTON, April 24—(Official)—Liberty Loan workers will travel on high speed for the balance of the week with the maximum reached on Friday, Liberty Day. It is expected that in accordance with the proclamation of the President and of the all-day proclamations of the governors of the various States, there will be held rallies and meetings that are expected to roll the total up rapidly to figures second only to those of the first day of the present great drive.

Several States and two of the ten national districts report they have already exceeded their minimum quota. About 10,000 separate communities are claiming honor flags for having attained or exceeded minimum quota.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN ITALY IS RESUMED

ROME, April 25—(Associated Press)—From the Asiago Basin the heaviest fighting in many days is reported. The enemy has attacked several positions in force but the assaults were not of the magnitude of a great drive. Through the Asiago sector the fighting was severe. East of Brenta the enemy made several assaults but all were repulsed and a considerable loss was inflicted.

BRITISH AIR CRAFT INFLECT HEAVY LOSS

LONDON, April 25—(Associated Press)—Heavy losses were inflicted upon the enemy's air forces yesterday. The British air fleet reports having downed eighteen of the Huns' battle planes and to have suffered the loss of only one.

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HOLLAND ON VERGE OF BREAK WITH GERMANY; DETERMINED TO PRESERVE HER NEUTRALITY

Netherlands Determined Not To Permit Use of Its Roads For Carrying War Munitions

WASHINGTON, April 25—(Associated Press)—A break between Germany and Holland appears imminent. While nothing is known officially, even of the presentation of the German ultimatum, it is becoming very plain that Holland intends to stand firmly upon her rights as a neutral and will refuse to permit Germany to open a road through her territory for the transportation of materials of war for the west front.

Despatches from Amsterdam quote the Het Volk, a leading newspaper, as announcing that the German minister at The Hague has already left for Berlin, having received Holland's refusal to agree to the terms of the German ultimatum, while the Dutch minister at Berlin has been recalled.

Officials here appear to accept this report as correct and believe that it indicates an immediate diplomatic break between the two governments.

Rotterdam despatches quote the Berlin correspondent as stating that the negotiations between the Dutch and German diplomats have come to an end, while the press correspondents at The Hague agree in their reports that Holland is determined to observe firmly her neutrality, despite the threats from Berlin.

Threatened withdrawal of the offer of the United States to furnish ships and grain for Holland unless there be a change of tone in the Dutch press relative to the taking of the Dutch shipping was a report that was heard yesterday. It is possible that such action might be taken because of the significant bearing it might have upon diplomatic affairs.

MUNITION PLANTS IN AUSTRIA DESTROYED

LONDON, April 24—(Associated Press)—Two powder factories in Austria have been destroyed by incendiary bombs, it is reported in Zurich papers. The factories were located at Glazebach, 150 miles southwest of Vienna and the resulting explosion caused a heavy loss of life and great damage to property. These explosions, following fires which were admittedly of an incendiary nature, are clearly going to show the extent of the industrial unrest in Austria. Reports of the popular dissatisfaction which prevails to a great extent in Austria are constantly appearing in spite of the efforts of censors to prevent knowledge of the actual conditions reaching the world.

TOUL FRONT MEETS HEAVY SHELL FIRE

WASHINGTON, April 25—(Associated Press)—Warning was issued by Attorney General Gregory yesterday that the Espionage law is now effective and that it covers destruction of or tampering with property in any way, in the war and is of very wide scope. The department of justice will, he says, take severe action and deal with out mercy against any and all offenders under the law.

CASUALTIES TOLD

WASHINGTON, April 24—(Associated Press)—Today's casualty list given out by the war department contains thirty-three names. Six were killed in action, three died of wounds, eleven of disease, ten were severely wounded and thirteen slightly.

INCENDIARY FIRES DESTROY RAILROAD SHOPS AND TRAIN

LIMA, Ohio, April 25—(Associated Press)—Three fires which broke out simultaneously last night have already destroyed a large part of the shops of the Lake Erie and Western Railway shops and the fire is still raging and only partly controlled with great danger of a further spread. There can be little doubt the fires were of incendiary origin and a part of a carefully laid plot.

When the engines arrived upon the turning in of a general alarm it was discovered the water supply had been turned off, thus allowing the fires to secure still greater headway. Later the hose from some of the engines was cut. One suspect has been arrested.

Three firemen are missing and it is believed they have been caught by the flames and killed. A dozen locomotives and a troop train have been burned.